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In re Application of:)
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OLIVER DANNE ET AL.)
Serial No.: ~~Unassigned~~ 09/762691)
Filed: ~~Herewith~~ 2.9.01)
For: IN-VITRO METHOD FOR)
DETECTING AND DIAGNOSING)
ACUTE CORONARY)
SYNDROMES)

Group Art Unit: ~~Unknown~~ 1743
Examiner: ~~Unknown~~ Cole

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the amendment below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6 and 8 as follows:

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6. (Amended) The in vitro method as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, characterized in that nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) methods, biochemical, enzymatic, immunological, clinical-chemical, chromatographic, mass spectrometric, electrochemical, photometric methods are applied to determine choline, choline and/or trimethyl ammonium derivatives selected from the group comprising phosphoryl choline, plasmalogens, and